

# MANY GOVERNORS WOULD ABOLISH ALL VIPER WAR ENGINES AND POISONS

## GOVERNORS OPPOSE ALL VIPER WEAPONS

Henry J. Allen of Kansas  
Favors Elimination of  
Minimum Use.

## MANY UNCOMPROMISING

Taylor of Tennessee Says  
Such Horrors Should Never  
Be Permitted.

## AGREEMENTS FAVORED

Not a Word of Defence Uttered  
for Submarines or Poison  
Gases.

Following are more replies re-  
ceived by THE NEW YORK  
HERALD in response to its re-  
quest for opinions on the use of  
submarines, poison gas and air-  
plane bombs:

**Eliminate Vipers, Says Gov. Allen.**  
TO THE NEW YORK HERALD:  
TOPEKA, Kan., Nov. 26.—I believe that  
the conference should take the position  
that submarines, poison gas and other  
forms of viper warfare be completely  
eliminated. The only way to achieve  
this is by a complete and final agree-  
ment which should be entirely elimi-  
nated or reduced to a minimum which  
shall be sharply and effectively con-  
trolled by international agreements. The  
attitude which the conference takes may  
have the effect to standardize the  
weapons of war for a good many genera-  
tions. It is possible that the greater  
limitation we place upon the develop-  
ment of killing devices the nearer we  
will approach the ultimate hope of in-  
ternational disarmaments.

HENRY J. ALLEN,  
Governor of Kansas.

**Includes Airplane Bombs.**  
TO THE NEW YORK HERALD:  
NASHVILLE, Tenn., Nov. 26.—All forms  
of viper warfare such as employs sub-  
marines, airplane bombs and poison gas  
should be forever eliminated by amend-  
ment of the rules of civilized warfare.  
Such horrors should never again be per-  
mitted. The penalty should be made so  
severe that no civilized nation would  
ever violate the rule.

A. A. TAYLOR,  
Governor of Tennessee.

**Favors International Agreement.**  
TO THE NEW YORK HERALD:  
SANTA FE, N. M., Nov. 26.—I am of  
the opinion that all forms of warfare by  
the use of poison and the use of sub-  
marines should be absolutely eliminated  
by an international agreement.

MERRITT C. MECHAM,  
Governor of New Mexico.

**Favors Wider Programme.**  
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**Dubious About Agreements.**  
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MADISON, Wis., Nov. 26.—Agreements  
to eliminate submarines, poisonous gas,  
plane bombs and viper warfare may be  
all right. In the last war every com-  
batant, as Gen. Bliss says, violated  
agreements excluding use of certain  
agencies of destruction. If we have  
another war agreements will be held as  
naught if the life of a nation is at  
stake. Agreements as you suggest may  
be potential if the causes for warfare  
are eliminated.

JOHN J. BLAINE,  
Governor of Wisconsin.

**Might as Well Poison Food.**  
TO THE NEW YORK HERALD:  
LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Nov. 26.—I think  
submarines and poison gas and airplane  
bombs a violation of the principles of  
civilized warfare. Poisoning of wells  
and of food sources might as well be  
countenanced. I hope a subcommittee  
of the conference will be made to see the  
shocking significance of such warfare.

T. C. McRAE,  
Governor of Arkansas.

**Gov. Campbell Makes Provision.**  
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**Revolting to Civilization.**  
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